(1) Brahmins, (2) Nayars, (3) Ezhuvas, (4) Valans, (5) Pulayas (6) Mohammadans (7) Jews, (8) Protestant Christians (9) Jacobite Christians, (10) Syrian Christians, (11) Latin Christians, (12) Anglo-Indians;

(b) how many persons have been appointed in the Government service during the last 5 years drawing a pay of Rs. 50 and upwards in each of the communities referred to in (a).

(c) how many persons have been given promotions during the immediate past 5 years drawing a pay of Rs. 50 and upwards in each of the communities referred to in (a)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—A statement containing the information available is appended. (*Appendix II*)

Vidya Vinodini Readers.

383. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many times the Vidya Vinodini Readers were submitted to the Cochin Text-Book Committee;

(2) how many times they were rejected by the Committee;

(3) were they ever approved by the Text Book Committee;

(4) if not, how did the Government include them in the approved list;

(5) on whose recommendation were these books included in the list of approved books which have been rejected by the Text-Book Committee at its several meetings?

Mr. I. N. Menon.—(1) Readers 1, 2, 3 and 6 were presented 5 times and Readers 5, 7 and 8 only four times.

(2) All the Readers were rejected in all meetings except the last. The Readers 1 to 8 were received for consideration in the first Text-Book Committee meeting of 1101 for the last time. But Government ordered that Vidya Vinodini Readers should be considered to have been approved by the Text-Book Committees and so these books were not considered in the Text-Book Committee meeting of 1104.

(3) No.

(4) and (5). The Government did it on the recommendation of the Director of Public Instruction.

Pay of certain officers.

384. Mr. V. Achyuta Menon.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to place on the Table of the House a list of officers who are junior in point of service to Messrs C. Ramankutty Menon B. A. and M. Kunjan Menon, B. A., Tahsildars of Cochin Kanayannur and Mukundapuram respectively, but whose permanent pay was higher than that of the said two officers at the close of Kanni last;

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